

**CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP**  
**FARM NEWSLETTER October '15**

**Liver Fluke Risk**

In the Southwest this year there is a predicted high risk of liver fluke. Avoid poorly-draining pasture from now onwards.

**Triclabendazole** is the drug of choice at this time of year as it is effective against young immature flukes. A repeat dose may be required 4-6 weeks later.

We stock **Endofluke** for beef cows or milking cows at drying off and **Fasinex** for sheep.

Later treatments could be Nitroxynil (e.g. Trodax), Closantel (e.g. Flukiver) or Oxyclosanide (e.g. Zanyl) as overuse of Triclabendazole could lead to resistance.

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**PD your Suckler Cows**

5 weeks after the bull is taken out. Early results this year are very encouraging – some herds have had 100% in calf! So this could be the year to tighten your calving pattern by selling on later calving cows.

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**Bimectin Pour-On at Housing**

Treat your beef herd against gutworms, lungworm, mange mites and lice in one easy pour-on. Meat withdrawal – 31 days. Please phone the surgery for our best price. If we are coming out TB testing we can bring products on Day 2.



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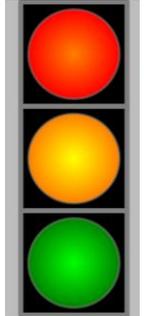
**Look out for lungworm**

Lungworm disease peaks at this time of year. If you notice an animal at pasture coughing at rest bring in a dung sample for Sami to test in-house. Results take just 24 hours.

**Buying in Sheep?**

Effective quarantine is essential:

1. Treat for worms (Startect or Zolvix), scab (Cydectin 2%) and fluke
2. Yard for 24-48hrs then turn out onto pasture recently grazed by sheep
3. Isolate from the home flock for at least 30 days



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**What to do if you suspect your dog has eaten rat bait...**

Telephone to let us know and bring the dog straight to the surgery along with the rat bait packaging. The vet will give your dog medication to make them vomit (this will only work if the dog is brought in to us quickly).

The rat bait stops the dog's blood clotting properly so Vitamin K tablets are needed to counteract this

Please be aware it can take 2-7 days for a dog to show any symptoms. They can look perfectly normal for days then suddenly start bleeding out and collapse. The chances of recovery at this point are a lot slimmer.

**DO NOT wait to see if the dog shows any ill symptoms  
BRING THEM STRAIGHT IN**

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**Grass Meeting with Katherine Daniel**

The next grass meeting will be on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Grass meetings are a Dairy Co. funded initiative and lunch will be provided. New faces are always welcome.

If you would like more information or would like to attend please contact the surgery on 01566 772371.

